

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 726

To treat the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as a legal public holiday for purposes of Federal employment, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2003

Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Democracy Day Act
5 of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ELECTION DAY IN SAME MANNER**

7 **AS OTHER FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.**

8 The Tuesday next after the first Monday in Novem-
9 ber in 2004 and in each even-numbered year thereafter

1 shall be treated as a legal public holiday for purposes of
 2 statutes relating to pay and leave of Federal employees.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF IMPACT ON**
 4 **VOTER PARTICIPATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall
 6 conduct a study of the impact of section 2 on voter partici-
 7 pation.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2009, the
 9 Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress and
 10 the President on the results of the study conducted under
 11 subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TREATMENT OF**
 13 **DAY BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that private employers in
 15 the United States should provide their employees with
 16 flexibility on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in
 17 November in 2004 and in each even-numbered year there-
 18 after to enable the employees to cast votes in the elections
 19 held on that day.

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